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Applicant:

Patrice DEBREGEAS et al.

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08/09/2000

Examiner:

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents Box RCE Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

- 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1..114: (check items that apply)
 - a. Previously submitted:

[]	Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on
[]	Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on but not considered.
[]	Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
[]	Other
b	. End	closed are:

[X] Amendment/Reply.

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[]	Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
[]	Information Disclosure Statement.
[]	Form PTO-1449 with copies of listed reference(s).
[]	Other.

Miscellaneous:

[] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ___ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e)	,			•		-	\$740.00		\$740.00
Total Claims:	49	_	46	=	3	_ ×	\$18.00	=	\$54.00
Independents:	4		3	=	1	_ ×	\$84.00	=	\$84.00
First presentation	on of any M	ultipl	e Dependen	t Cla	ims:	_ +	\$280.00	=	\$280.00
					C	LAIMS	FEE TOTAL:	=	\$1,158.00

[X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

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\$0.00	\$110.00	Extension for response filed within the first month:	[]	
\$0.00	\$400.00	Extension for response filed within the second month:	[]	
*\$810.00	\$920.00	Extension for response filed within the third month:	[X]	
\$0.00	\$1,440.00	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	[]	
\$0.00	\$1,960.00	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	[]	
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\$0.00	½ of above):	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		
\$0.00	R. § 1.103(c)	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)		
\$1968.00	TOTAL FEE:			
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^{*}An extension fee for response within the first month was previously paid.

- [X] A check in the amount of \$1,968.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-

dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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